

God's Glorious Design

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, May 15, 2016; Steve Thiel

The gospel calls us to embrace our God-given roles as men and women by joyfully submitting ourselves to the commands and pattern laid out in Scripture. This is all part of the godliness that accompanies salvation and is for our ultimate good.

I. Divisive Men In The Church – Read 1 Timothy 2:8

- A. How does impurity interfere with prayer? How do we become pure in God's eyes?

- B. How does interpersonal conflict interfere with prayer? How does it impact your prayers?

- C. How important are interpersonal conflicts? How should we handle them in the church?

II. Distracting Women In The Church – Read 1 Timothy 2:9-15

- A. How are the women in the church in Ephesus distracting to the people of God?

- B. How is your sense of fashion influenced by culture? Is it hard for you to go against the trend?

- C. How would you respond to someone who argues that Paul's instruction concerning women as elders only applied to the Ephesian church? (Hint: What is Paul's argument in verses 13-14?)

- D. Why do you think some people look for reasons to ignore certain passages of Scripture?

- E. What passages of Scripture are you most tempted to compromise on? Why do you think that is?

III. Designed For Our Good – Application

- A. How does the current sexual climate of our culture affect the church's view on men's and women's roles and responsibilities in the church? How do they affect your view?

- B. What is the most significant way in which the gospel has put your thinking right side up?

- C. Read Romans 12:1-2. List the best ways for you to keep from being conformed to this world?